curtail grants-in-aid to a number of institutions under administrative control of his Ministry such as Export-Promotion Councils, Indian Foreign Trade Institutions, Trade Fair Authority of India due to severe resource crunch;

(b) the total grants-in-aid given to such institutions annually; and

(c) the impact of the cut in grants-in-aid on the functioning of these institutions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) An exercise is already underway to review the working of Export Promotion Councils and other promotional agencies under the Commerce Ministry. This exercise would also include efforts towards making these agencies self-supporting.

(b) The total grants-in-aid given to such institutions was Rs.37.63 crores in 1990-91.

(c) It is rather premature to give any assessment.

Diamond Industry

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PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign exchange earned from the export of diamonds during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether the diamond industry is considered as a small scale industry; and

(c) if so, the facilities and incentives being given to this industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The exports of cut and polished diamonds country-wise during the last three years have been as follows:-

STATEMENT

Country	1988-89		1889-90		1990-91	
	Rs. in Crores	In Mil US $	Rs. in Crores	In Mil US $	Rs. in Crores	In Mil US $
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
USA	1511.69	1037.88	1625.62	976.40	1497.00	834.3
JAPAN	779.44	535.14	962.32	578.00	951.66	530.7
BELGIUM	743.65	510.57	943.06	566.43	939.76	523.7
HONGKONG	628.65	413.61	689.30	414.01	657.59	366.4
THAILAND	124.07	85.18	183.04	109.94	175.77	97.9
SWITZERLAND	104.49	72.66	130.58	78.43	118.60	66.1
ISRAEL	107.49	73.80	117.51	70.58	90.99	50.7
WEST GERMANY	58.09	39.88	76.44	45.91	62.65	24.9
U.K.	44.65	30.66	51.12	30.70	44.26	24.6

Country	1988-89		1889-90		1990-91	
	Rs. in Crores	In Mil US $	Rs. in Crores	In Mil US $	Rs. in Crores	In Mil US $
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SINGAPORE	34.42	23.63	48.18	28.94	57.10	31.8
OTHERS	93.17	81.96	108.82	65.36	93.51	52.1
TOTAL	4230.28	2904.37	4935.99	2964.70	4688.91	2613.7

** (Source: Gem & Jewellary Export promotion Council)

(b) The Diamond Industry is not reserved for the Small Scale Industry.

(c) Does not arise.

** NOTE: ABOVE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE EXPORTS FROM SEEPZ AS COUNTRY-WISE DATA FROM SEEPZ IS NOT AVAILABLE